GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:189
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2002
VIOLATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY LAWS
M. JAGANNATH;RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the hon`ble Supreme Court has imposed any penalties on certain States as well as companies for violation of environmental and forestry laws during the last one year and thereafter;

(b) if so, whether any penalties have also been imposed against some companies for advertising on rocks etc. in the country particularly hilly areas;

(c) if so, the number of such cases detected during the said period alongwith the names of States and companies indicating the observations made by the Hon`ble Court against each of them;

(d) the follow up action taken by the Government alongwith the steps proposed for restoration of ecology;

(e) whether the Government have received the report of the committee set up to enquire into the whole episode; and

(f) if so, the details alongwith action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 189 B MANDA JAGANNATH AND SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY REGARDING `VIOLATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL FORESTRY LAWS` DUE FOR REPLY ON 02-12-2002.

(a) to (c) Supreme Court by their interim order dated: 26-9-2002 in Interlocutory Application No.780 of 2002 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202 of 1995 has directed the payment of Rs.1.00 Crore by Government of Himachal Pradesh and Rs.1.00 Crore by the various companies involving Malhotra Book Depot (MBD), Coca Cola, Pepsi Cola, GRASIM, FENA, SBI, SLEEPWELL and AMARON advertising on rocks in Kullu-Manali-Rohtang region, for restoration of the area.

(d) to (f) The Supreme Court has directed the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) to take the responsibility of over-seeing repairing work of the damage which has been done.